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Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1714.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Brent Kevin Larson

For: ELASTOMER COMPOSITION WHICH )  
CONTAINS INTERCALATED AND )  
EXFOLIATED CLAY REINFORCEMENT )  
FORMED IN SITU WITHIN THE )  
ELASTOMER HOST AND ARTICLE, SUCH )  
AS A TIRE, HAVING AT LEAST ONE )  
COMPONENT THEREOF )  
Serial No.: 09/897,315 )  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Rejection Official Action dated August 27, 2003,  
Paper No. 6, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out  
and distinctly claim the Applicant's invention.